(v) Reported mismatch between the actual subscriber and chargeable subscriber (inference drawn from the prevailing practices).

(vi) Arrangement of revenue sharing with a reference to advertisement, carriage and revenue generated from the subscribers.

Further, the market survey commissioned in 2004 by the Authority reveals that generally subscribers do not watch more than 15-20 channels including Free to Air channels. Thus, if a subscriber opts for 10 pay channels then together with 30 free to air channels totaling 40 channels, his cable bill will be Rs.127/-, excluding taxes and set top box instalments (Rs. 77/- for Basic service tier comprising of 30 free to air channels and Rs. 50/- for 10 pay channels). Cable bill of Rs. 127/- (excluding taxes and set top box instalment) as the price for 40 channels, can not be said to be exorbitant.

(e) TRAI has intimated that no such study has been undertaken.

(f) Does not arise.

Priority to regional language producers under self-finance scheme

1780. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the regional language producers are not getting due priority under the Ministry's self-finance scheme for TV serials;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to rectify this anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHR PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati have informed that the Self Finance Scheme (SFC) has been started in DD-1 National channel and DD Sahyadri channel on an experimental basis.

(c) Prasar Bharati have informed that all marketing Divisions have been asked to explore the marketing viability of SFC scheme in all Regional channels after the success of the scheme in DD-1 National and DD-Sahyadri.

Flexible labour policy for attracting FDI

1781. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees with the view of Government of Gujarat that present labour policy is major hurdle in attracting Foreign Direct Investment;

(b) whether it is a fact that any proposal from Government of Gujarat for flexible labour policy has been received;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Central Government is in favour of such relaxations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No specific reference from Government of Gujarat either regarding the present labour policy being a major hurdle in attracting Foreign Direct Investment or for making labour policy flexible has been received.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Employment to local persons in public sector projects

1782. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government regarding employment to local persons in the public sector projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are aware of the various grievances by the job seekers of various States who are not getting opportunity inspite of the factory or project being in their State;

(c) what are the functions and duties of the Central Labour Commissioner appointed in each State;

(d) had the Ministry ever inspected the State offices for effective control; and

(e) if so, when was the last such inspection carried out in Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are required to notify all the vacancies meant for recruitment to the posts carrying scales of pay, the maximum of which does not exceed Rs.2500/-per month pre-revised to the Employment Exchange. In addition to notifying the vacancies, the requisitioning authority/establishment are required to publish recruitment notice for such categories in the "Employment News" published by the Publication Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India and then consider the case of all the candidates who have applied.

(b) Recruitment in respect of below Board level posts in CPSEs is made by the managements of respective CPSEs. As such, information on various grievances of job seekers in these units is not maintained centrally.

(c) There is no post of Central Labour Commissioner in any of the States.

(d) Ministry of Labour and Employment have designated Area Officers who inspect the State Offices including the Offices of Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) and Regional Labour Commissioner (Central) in the States.

(e) The Area Officer inspected the Office of Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Ahmedabad; Gujarat on 31.7.2007.